

Date: June 22, 2018

To: Connie Lawson
Secretary of State, State of Indiana

CC: Bryce Bennett
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From: Daniel E. Dernulc
Chairman, The Lake County Republican Central Committee

Re: Submission of suggested precinct consolidation plan

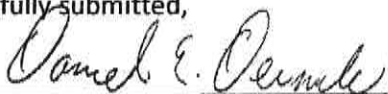
The submission enclosed for your consideration is a suggested plan in response to the dictates of House Enrolled Act No. 1383. This consolidation plan is an updated version of the prior submission from July 2017. This consolidation plan results in a consolidation of 170 precincts with neighboring precincts. The anticipated savings to the budgeted payroll is estimated at \$117,300 per election, and \$703,800 per 4-year election cycle.

All precinct consolidations were done in a clear, identifiable and objective manor that is consistent across the whole of Lake County. Legislative boundaries, such as individual city adopted/designated wards and legislative boundaries have been adhered to and accounted for. Currently, the largest precinct is Cedar Lake 03 (CL 03) with 1,411 active voters. This consolidation plan does not result in any consolidations that would exceed Lake County's already existing largest precinct, CL 03. The largest geographic precinct is Eagle Creek Township (ECT) with a total area at just over 56 square miles.

The submitted consolidation plan includes a narrative and maps, in paper form, depicting the proposed consolidation; IEC-8 Precinct Summary Form(s), and a census block lists for each affected precinct. In completing our proposal, we compacted/consolidated the precincts within each boundary as prescribed by law. The precinct consolidations in this plan do not impose any unreasonable obstacles to any voters at the polls greater than that of any other voter voting at the polls faces today.

This plan reduces the costly inefficiencies of the outdated small precincts and creates precincts more equally representative of Lake County's voting population. This consolidation plan realizes cost savings to the county. Included in the plan is the estimated savings from the budgeted precinct board payroll. Additional savings will be realized in equipment, equipment maintenance, equipment transportation, electronic programming, training, paperwork, printing, payroll processing, rent and staff overtime. The actual 2016 Primary precinct board payroll and rent are attached. Any typographical or scribner errors do not invalidate the entire plan.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel E. Dernulc, Chairman, The Lake County Republican Central Committee